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20 MAY 1958

General Thomas D. White  
Chief of Staff, USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General White:

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I understand that [REDACTED], who is assigned to the Agency on Project CHALICE/OILSTONE, has recently submitted his application for appointment in the regular Air Force. I should like to take this opportunity to add my comments in behalf of his application.

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[REDACTED] has served for the past year as Deputy Director of Operations for the Project, and has in fact served as D/O on several occasions for significant periods of time. His performance to my knowledge has been of distinctly superior caliber. Particularly impressive has been the degree to which [REDACTED] has been able to plan complex operations involving advanced aerial, photographic, and electronic equipment, exact timing, and great geographic distances. His admirable ability to take into balanced account both broad considerations and minute support details I believe to be a transferable quality, highly useful in many Air Force assignments.

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[REDACTED] has throughout his Air Force career pursued the improvement of his flying proficiency aggressively, including, in his present assignment, checking out in the U-2. Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr. requested in June 1957 that [REDACTED] normal three-year tour with the Agency be extended for an additional year, which I think is a very clear comment on the value Mr. Bissell places on [REDACTED] services.

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With CHALICE/OILSTONE remaining a critical instrument of our joint operational goals, I am glad that [REDACTED] is with us to continue his really substantial contribution. Since I am convinced that [REDACTED] could make an equal contribution in many other phases of the Air Force mission, I recommend that his application for appointment in the regular Air Force be approved.

Attached is a sanitized unclassified version of this letter.

Sincerely,

C. P. CABELL  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Director

Attachment:  
Unclassified letter,  
two copies

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ASSURANCE:

[REDACTED]  
VICTOR M. HINSELL, JR.  
CA/PO/DCI

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